

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-11 renumbered 1-10.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Daniel J. Stanger (703) 684-1120 on 20 October 2006.

Amend Claims 5, 7-11 as follows:

5. (currently amended) A method of connecting with an access point of an internet provider through a wirelessly communicable public line connecting device for connecting a mobile terminal provided with a wireless communication unit with ~~said a~~ public line connected to said wirelessly communicable public line connecting device, comprising the steps of:

storing connection information, as to said public line, of said internet provider to be connected, in a database provided in each carrier of said wirelessly communicable public line connecting device;

enabling said mobile terminal to detect ~~a~~said wirelessly communicable public line connecting device; and

obtaining said stored connection information and line information of said internet provider from said detected wirelessly connected public line connecting device, so as to

obtain best-suited carrier lines and internet providers, and to determine a wirelessly communicable public line connecting device and an internet provider to be connected, for connecting said mobile terminal with the internet.

7. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising the step of connecting said mobile terminal with ~~one of the~~ an access points obtained point of said internet provider via said wirelessly communicable public line connecting device detected by said mobile terminal.

8. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising the step of obtaining toll information of said wirelessly communicable public line connecting device through said mobile terminal.

9. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising the step of visually outputting the ~~access point~~ connection information and the toll information ~~obtained by said mobile terminal~~ to the user of said mobile terminal.

10. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising the step of connecting ~~one~~ an access point selected through the wirelessly communicable public line connecting device ~~selected on~~ in accordance with the ~~access point connection~~ information and the toll ~~obtained by said mobile terminal~~ information.

11. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 5,
wherein the step of obtaining the stored connection information ~~about the access~~
~~point of the internet provider from said detected public connecting device~~ includes the
substeps of:

enabling said mobile terminal to provide said wirelessly communicable public line
connecting device with information for specifying one ~~provider; and~~ internet provider;

retrieving ~~the an~~ access point corresponding to the information for specifying the
internet provider received by said wirelessly communicable public line connecting
~~device device; and~~

transmitting said retrieved access point to said mobile terminal.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject
matter:

Claims 1 and 5 are allowed.

The prior art discloses a method for connecting a portable computer and/or a
mobile terminal to an internet provider via public line connecting device.

The prior art however fails to disclose wherein the computer or mobile terminal is
connected to a public phone, and said computer obtains connection information from a
database provided in the carrier of said public phone as to connected public phones to
obtain best-suited carrier lines and providers, and to determine a public phone and a
service provider to be connected, for connecting said computer with the internet.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj K. Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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